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RESPONSE

Sir:

This is in response to the office action mailed last June 9, 2000. A Response is due this September 11, 2000; (September 9 being a Saturday). It is believed that no fee is due at this time to maintain the application in full force and effect. However, if any such fee is due, please charge this to account number 08-3260.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

On page 10, line 19, change "also" to – Also --.

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